

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Monday 24th August 2026

Hi everyone,

Department of Education Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Randomly selected families will be invited to participate in the survey via a Compass message. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September.

The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete.

Child Safety Processes

If you are planning to volunteer at school be it whether for excursions, classroom help, or events, you must hold a Volunteer Working with Children Check (WWCC). This is a requirement under Victorian law and part of our school's commitment to upholding child safety standards.



- It's free for volunteers
- It's quick and easy to apply
- It helps us meet our legal obligations and keep everyone safe.

Apply here: <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>

Thank you for your commitment to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for every child. If you have any questions about these child safe responsibilities, please do not hesitate to seek support or clarification.

Foundation Enrolments for 2027 - acceptance of enrolment offers is due Friday

A reminder that the due date for acceptance of enrolments is Friday 28th August.

We are excited to be welcoming our new Foundation students as we progress the enrolment process for next year. Details of our Transition Program will be emailed to all confirmed enrolments and is available on our website.

If you have submitted an enrolment application for Ferny Creek Primary School, you should now have received an enrolment offer via email, which needs to be accepted before the next steps. If you have not received your offer, please contact the school.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Alongside our rigorous classroom learning, we place great value on providing students with a range of high-quality, hands-on learning experiences that complement and enrich our curriculum.

Over the course of this term, students will enjoy a number of exciting whole-school opportunities, including our Athletics Day, Science Open and Book Week celebrations. These experiences provide an important opportunity for students to take their learning beyond the classroom, engage in practical activities, and discover new interests.

Whole-school days also allow students to mix with children from across the school, work with different teachers and build connections beyond their usual classroom. Whether they are experimenting, creating, or celebrating books and reading, these experiences add another dimension to the rich learning opportunities we provide at Ferny Creek Primary School.

We are proud to provide a balance of rigorous learning, creativity, collaboration and hands-on experiences that engage our students and make learning both meaningful and memorable.



Respectful Relationships

At Ferny Creek Primary School, we want every child to feel safe, valued, included and respected. One of the ways we support this is through our Respectful Relationships program.

Respectful Relationships helps students develop the skills they need to build positive relationships with others. Through age-appropriate lessons and activities, students learn about respect, empathy, emotional awareness, positive communication, friendship, inclusion, resilience, managing emotions and recognising what healthy and safe relationships look like.

Respectful Relationships education is part of the Victorian Curriculum and is a mandated component of learning in Victorian government schools. All FCPS classes participate in these lessons as part of our approach to social and emotional learning.

There is strong research supporting this Respectful Relationships. Victorian trials involving thousands of students and teachers found positive changes in students' attitudes, knowledge and skills, as well as in school culture and relationships. The research highlights that teaching children these skills early and reinforcing them through the way we treat one another at school, can contribute to safer, more respectful and inclusive communities.

At Ferny Creek PS, we find that Respectful Relationships works really well alongside our Friendology program and our school-wide expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. These approaches give our students a common language for talking about friendships, solving problems, managing conflict and making positive choices. When students hear the same messages and language across the classroom, playground and at home, these skills become much easier to understand and apply in everyday situations.

Community Events

We love welcoming our parents, families and friends into our school and sharing the special moments that make our community so wonderful. These events provide a great opportunity to come together, connect with one another and celebrate our students and their learning.

We hope to see lots of you at our exciting upcoming events this term, beginning with our Pyjama and Story Night today, followed by our Art Show and our Father's Day Breakfast.

We will then finish the term with one of our most popular events-Footy Day, including the much-anticipated Parents vs Students match!

There are plenty of opportunities to come along, get involved and enjoy some fun with our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Veggie Patch Needs Some TLC!

Our veggie patch is in need of a little TLC, and the work is proving to be a little beyond what our students can manage on their own!

We would love to call on our wonderful parents, families and friends to help us get the veggie patch back into shape as we prepare for our spring planting. We have a working bee planned for Sunday, and we would love to see as many helping hands as possible.

However, if you have a little time to spare during the week, even an hour or two can make a big difference. Together, we can get our garden looking great and ready for another season of growing.

Our goal is to continue producing fresh, yummy ingredients that our students can use in our cooking program, giving them the opportunity to grow, harvest and cook with food they have helped produce.

*Have a great week,
Susan*

Susan Vissenjoux – Principal





Term 3 Learning Focus

Discovery Lab

Design and Technology

Senior students are taking on an inclusive playground design challenge, building models before moving into a coding unit. Middle years students are working through a disaster-ready design challenge, followed by game design using Scratch Jr. Junior students are exploring kindness machines, followed by coding with Bee-Bots.

PE

This term in PE, students are developing skills and game sense across tee ball, pickleball, tennis, and a revisit of athletics. Each unit builds on core movement skills — striking, tracking, footwork, and game strategy — while giving students the chance to apply these in modified games and, where relevant, prepare for upcoming events like our athletics day.

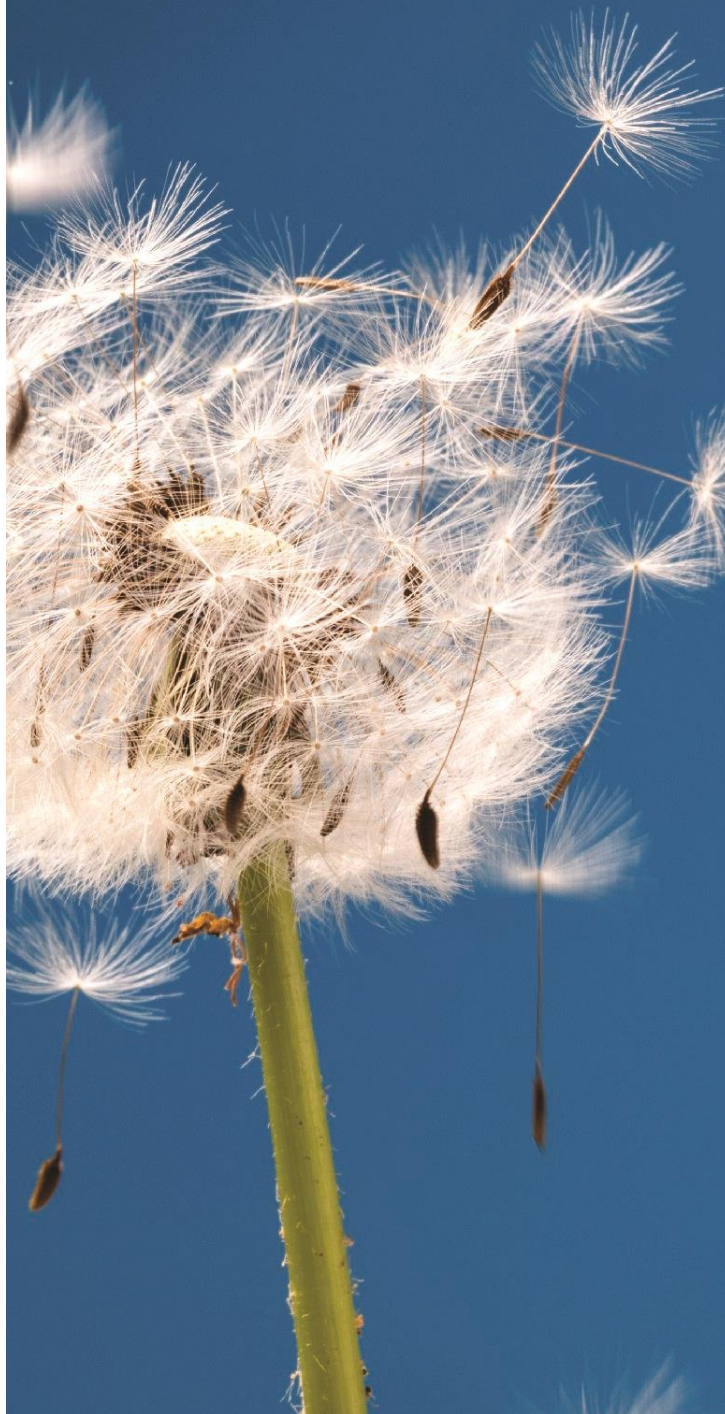
Tee Ball



We won 3 of our 4 games!!!! They were awesome!!!

Seeds of Science

Nurturing knowledge for all



Wow...what a wonderful week of hands-on learning we experienced throughout Science Week! Thank you so much to our talented scientists who came in to share their knowledge and expertise with our budding scientists across all year levels.

Doctor Bek and Scott took us all through the differences between solids, liquids and gases, explaining how chemical reactions occur with some fun demonstrations that included elephant toothpaste and an imploding steel drum.

Doctor Stephen talked about physical science with the Juniors, where they had a wonderfully wet time testing the laws of physics by making tin foil boats and paper helicopters.

The Seniors rounded out the week with a hands-on exploration of water invertebrates with **Doctor Sally**, as they learned about the importance of keeping our waterways healthy.

Thank you again to our amazing community of parents and grandparents who so generously gave their time to make our Science Week celebrations so special!





Athletics Carnival





Junior School Celebrations & Science Week

What a wonderful time we
have had in the Junior School!

We recently celebrated our 100 Days
of School with lots of fun, hands-on activities
all centred around the number 100. Our

students had a fantastic time learning, creating and celebrating this special
milestone together. From the wonderful costumes to the exciting activities,



there was plenty of laughter and excitement throughout the
day. You can see from the photos just how much fun was had
by everyone!



Another exciting event has been our Science Week
celebrations and Open Day. Our students had the opportunity
to participate in a range of multi-aged activities, allowing them
to investigate, experiment and learn together. It was
wonderful to see students from different year levels working
collaboratively and sharing their curiosity about science.

We were also very lucky to have some scientists visit our school and share
exciting hands-on experiences with our students. It was a fantastic opportunity
for our students to see science in action and develop their understanding.

It has certainly been a busy and exciting time in the Junior School, filled with
learning, curiosity, collaboration and lots of fun!





SYMPHONY OF STORIES

Book Week Activities

**MONDAY
24 AUGUST**

at
**FERNY CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We'd love
to see the whole
family there!



DRESS-UP PARADE

9AM | Multi-purpose

Come dressed as a character
from your favourite book
and join us for our Book Week
Dress-Up Parade!



AUTHOR VISIT — CHRIS COLLIN

1PM | Multi-purpose

Meet Chris Collin, author
of the much-loved
Funky Chicken series!

Inclusion \$10 — please check
your Compass event for details
and booking information.



FAMILY STORY NIGHT

4.30–5.30PM | Library

Bring the whole family back
to school for a cosy evening
of stories in our library.

Settle in, enjoy some favourite
stories, and warm up with
hot chocolate and a cookie.

Please BYO cup!

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK®
22-28 AUGUST 2026**

WE HIT THE STAGE IN AN EPIC BATTLE AGAINST LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR
FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



WE CAME TO ROCK.
WE LEFT WITH THE TROPHY.

PARENTS
BATTLE
OF THE BANDS

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR INCREDIBLE
PARENTS AND BAND MEMBERS
JAYDE, FRANK, BEN, MARK, MARGE+CARLA
ON TAKING OUT THE WIN AT
THE YARRA RANGES
PARENTS BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

What started as a fun idea
between parents has turned into
an unforgettable adventure.

We're so proud of this awesome
bunch and the school spirit they
brought to the stage. It was such
a fantastic night celebrating live
music, and raising funds to give our
kids more opportunities to learn,
play and enjoy music.

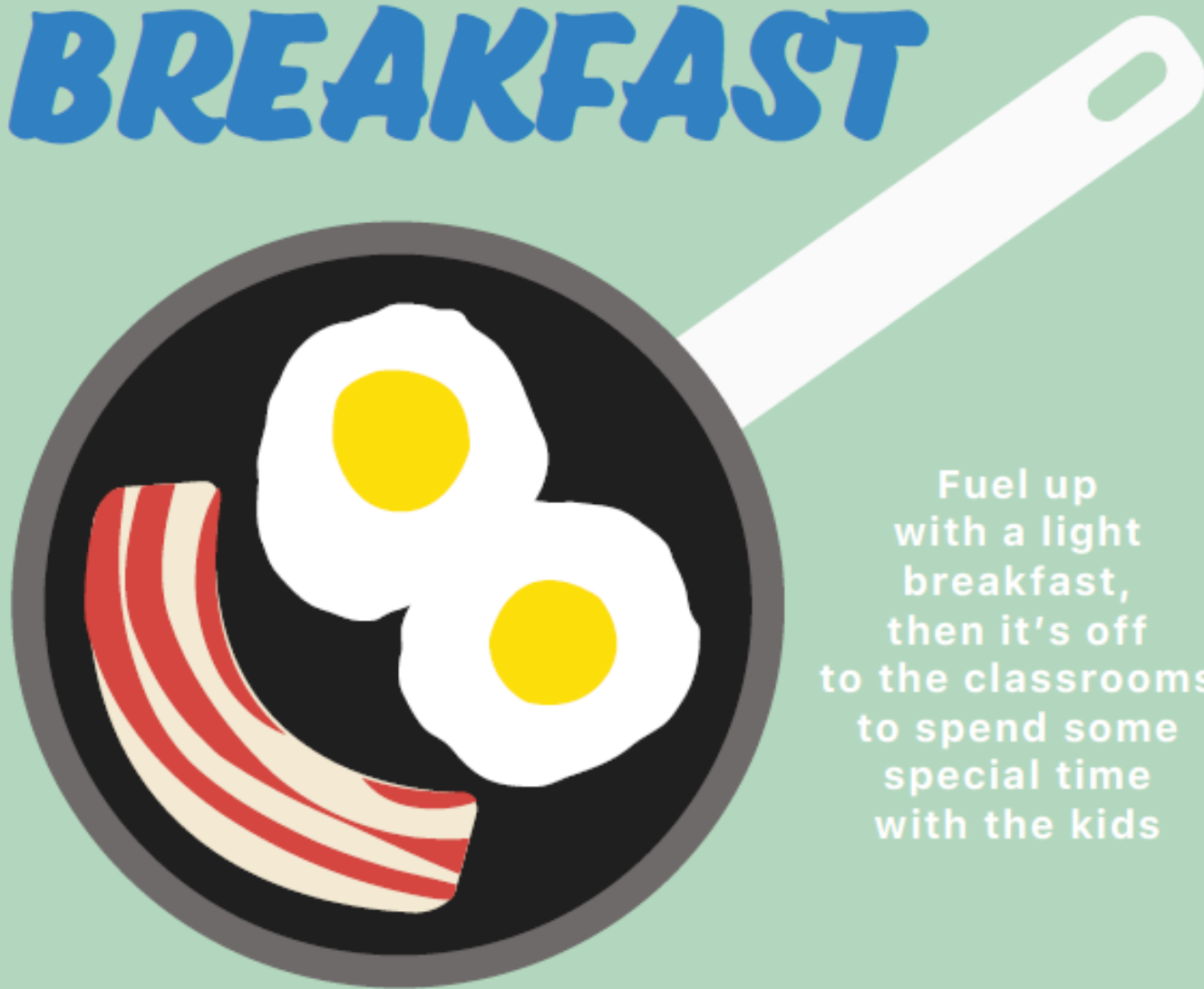
A huge thank you to everyone
who came along, cheered, danced,
sang and supported us – your energy
made the night even more special!

FOLLOW US: @PERMISSION.SLIPPED

CALLING ALL DADS & IMPORTANT PEOPLE!
COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

DAD'S DAY BREAKFAST



Fuel up
with a light
breakfast,
then it's off
to the classrooms
to spend some
special time
with the kids

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

STARTS 8.30AM | IN THE MULTI

\$10 PER PERSON | RSVP 28 AUGUST

Raising funds for our playground

Save the Date!

Our biannual **Ferny Creek Festival** will be held on

Friday 13th November 3:30- 6:30pm

Parent Representative

We are looking for a person from each class to be our **parent representative** and liaise with the festival committee, class teacher and parents from the class.

Community Stalls

We are also currently looking for expressions of interest if you or someone you know would like to hold your own **stall** (\$35 per stall). We welcome a variety of goods, including cards, crafts, clothing, woodwork, oils, candles, spices, soap, and more.

We also welcome second-hand stalls (though no toys/books as we are managing our own stall).

Please contact the office on
fernycreek.ps@education.vic.gov.au
to reserve your spot!

YOU ARE INVITED TO
AN EVENING OF
Art
FERNY CREEK PS
ART SHOW

Join us for a special evening celebrating the
creativity, imagination and artistic talents
of our students

Enjoy a gallery-style exhibition showcasing a
stunning collection of artworks created by our
young artists and immerse yourself in our
interactive displays.

Wander through the displays, celebrate their
achievements and share in this special
community event and also enjoy
artwork by local artists

FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS
AND FRIENDS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED



DRESS TO IMPRESS

Dress to Impress



REFRESHMENTS

Available for purchase
throughout the evening



DATE TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER



TIME 4.30 – 6PM



VENUE BLACK AND WHITE SPACE
BUILDING A





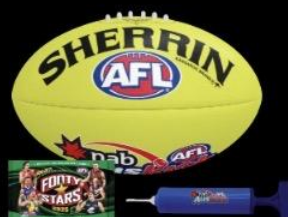
**ALL GIRLS
GROUPS
AVAILABLE**



GOOD CLEAN FUN

**FERNY CREEK PS
TERM 3 AUSKICK CENTRE**

Mondays | August 17th – 31st | 3.45pm – 4.45pm



WHAT ZONE ARE YOU IN?

BLUE	GREEN	YELLOW	RED
			
I FEEL: ♥ Tired ♥ Slow ♥ Bored ♥ Sad ♥ Sick	I FEEL: ♥ Focused ♥ Ready to learn ♥ Calm ♥ Happy	I FEEL: ♥ Frustrated ♥ Worried ♥ Excited ♥ Silly ♥ Not in control	I FEEL: ♥ Elated ♥ Mad/Angry ♥ Terrified ♥ Out of control ♥ Yelling/Hitting
I CAN TRY... ♥ Getting a drink ♥ Walking ♥ Talking to a friend ♥ Reading a happy story	I CAN TRY... ♥ Helping others ♥ Remembering goals ♥ Finishing work ♥ Expected behaviours	I CAN TRY... ♥ Walking ♥ Counting to 10 ♥ Drawing the problem ♥ Talking to a teacher or trusted adult	I CAN TRY... ♥ Deep breaths ♥ Finding a safe space ♥ Exercise ♥ Talking to teacher

FCPS Expected Behaviours Matrix



We are Respectful
We treat people, places, and things with kindness, care, and fairness

- I will use kind and positive language
- I will keep my hands and feet to myself
- I will follow the directions of all adults
- I will always display excellent manners
- I will be kind and helpful
- I will respect others privacy in the toilets



We are Responsible
We make good choices, take care of our things, and do what needs to be done without being reminded.

- I will look after all of my own belongings
- I will look after all school equipment
- I will put all my rubbish into the bin
- I will always tell the truth
- I will keep the school clean and tidy
- I will report any problems to an adult
- I will hand in my personal devices to the office



We are Resilient
We have a go, keep going when it's hard, and bounce back from challenges.

- I will choose the best strategy to help me be 'ready to learn' or 'ready to play'.
- I will always put in my best effort
- I will try even when it is hard
- I will be happy for other people's successes
- I will accept my mistakes and the mistakes of others
- I will acknowledge a genuine apology when it is offered

In Learning Spaces	In outside spaces	Moving between spaces
• I will display whole body listening • I will respect everyone's right to learn • I will wait for my turn to speak • I will ask permission to leave the learning space • I will be kind and respectful in online environments	• I will look after the school environment • I will include others • I will share equipment	• I will walk with quiet voices and quiet feet • I will stay on the paths and avoid walking on the gardens
• I will be prepared, organised and ready to learn • I will be on time • I will use all learning resources appropriately to help me learn • I will follow all class routines • I will keep all learning spaces tidy • I will reset learning spaces at the end of a session • I will sit on the floor or chairs safely	• I will move to class when the music plays • I will remain outside unless I have permission to be inside • I will follow the direction of any adult on play support • I will return any borrowed equipment • I will play in the designated areas	• I will line up quickly and quietly • I will walk safely in and around spaces • I will go straight to the office or toilet and straight back again
• I will try my best with all my learning tasks • I will 'have a go' before asking for help • I will ask for help if I need it	• I will agree to and play by the rules of games • I will accept the rules of the game even if it doesn't go my way • I will be flexible when playing with others	• I will accept that I cannot always be the line leader or choose my spot in the line



Kids in the Kitchen!!

Over the past fortnight, our children have enthusiastically embraced their inner chefs through Kids in the Kitchen and Gordon Ramsay Gone Wild Week! They helped design our menus and prepared croissants with their choice of fillings, smoothies, honey joys, homemade pizzas, eggs on toast, burritos, cheesy scrolls, sushi, toasties, nachos and pancakes.

The children experimented with different ingredients and flavour combinations while developing practical cooking skills, confidence and independence. Some of our experienced young chefs also took on leadership roles, demonstrating equipment and helping their friends through the cooking process.



To extend this learning into the home, we have created our very own TheirCare Cookbook, featuring the recipes the children have cooked and enjoyed at the service. Children will be able to take the recipes home and share their new skills by cooking these favourites for their families. We can't wait to hear about their culinary adventures at home!

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SPECIAL BOOK WEEK EVENT



George Ivanoff

Choose Your Own Stories

Calling all young writers and readers!

You are invited to join popular Melbourne author George Ivanoff for an engaging, hands-on session where storytelling comes to life. Drawing on his much-loved *You Choose* series, George will guide children through his creative process, then lead a fun whiteboard activity to help them design their own interactive adventures.

When: 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Wednesday 26 August
2026

Where: Belgrave Library,
Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

Age: 8-12 years

Cost: \$8

To Book:

Call 9800 6489

Visit <https://events.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au/event?id=82701>

Or scan the QR code



Limited places. Bookings
essential.

DANDENONG RANGES
**Literary
Festival**

 **YOUR
LIBRARY**

This event is a proud partnership between the Library and the
Dandenong Ranges Literary Festival.

WHO CAN I TURN TO FOR HELP?

We are always here to support you and your family. Please know that our door is always open, and we encourage you to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or simply need a chat.

In addition, the support services listed below are free or bulk billed.

SERVICE	FOCUS	CONTACT DETAILS	OPERATING HOURS
Nurse-on-call	Expert health advice from a nurse	1300 60 60 24	24 hours/7 days
Kids Helpline	Telephone counselling service for people aged between 5 and 25	1800 55 1800 Interactive webpage for children aged 5-12 www.kidshelpline.com.au/kids	24 hours/7 days
Parentline	Parents and carers with children from birth to 18 years	13 22 89	8am – midnight/7 days
Headspace Knox	For young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health or life challenges	9801 6088 2 Capital City Boulevard, Westfield Knox Ozone, Wantirna South, Victoria 3152	9am – 5pm Mon - Fri
Griefline	Support for experiencing loss and grief	1300 845 745	8am – 8pm/7 days
Medicare Mental Health	Support from mental health professional	1800 595 212	Mon – Fri: 8.30am – 5pm
Lifeline	Crisis Support, Suicide prevention	131114	24 hours/7 days
Beyond Blue	Confidential counselling, advice, and programs to help people dealing with anxiety, depression, and suicide prevention	1300 224 636 Or online chat https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/talk-to-a-counsellor/chat	24 hours/7 days
Orange Door	Confidential support service for children, young people and families who need help with family wellbeing, parenting or safety at home.	1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)	
MensLine	Supports men dealing with mental health, family and relationship problems, anger management, stress, and suicide prevention	1300 78 99 78	24 hours/7 days
13YARN	Crisis support telephone service in Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	13 92 76	24 hours/7 days

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Ferny Creek Primary School. All our uniform pieces can be purchased on site.



Broad brim
Grades F-2



Bucket hat
Grades 3-6



FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____ Phone No: _____ Class: _____

Date Ordered: _____ Date Paid: _____ Date Collected: _____

Uniform Shop Item	Size Range	Prices	Size	Quantity	Sub Total
TOPS					
Polo T-Shirt Short Sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$26.50			
Polo T-Shirt Short Sleeve	Adult S, M, L	\$26.50			
JUMPERS					
Polar Fleece Full Zip	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$40.00			
Polar Fleece Full Zip	Adult S, M, L	\$40.00			
Polar Fleece Black Vest	6,8,10,12,14	\$34.00			
PANTS					
JACKETS					
Waterproof Jacket – Fleece Lined	6,8,10,12	\$55.00			
ACCESSORIES					
Brimmed Hats (Prep – 6)	S, M, L	\$15.00			
Bucket Hats (Grades 3-6)	M, L, XL	\$15.00			
Girls Winter Pinafore	6,8,10	\$52.00			
	12,14	\$56.00			
School Bags		\$45.00			
Book Bags	Free for Foundation and new students	\$20.00			
Second hand uniform items		\$5.00			
				TOTAL	

Uniform shop orders can be placed at the office.

Please clearly label all clothing items including shoes.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

There are no Student Free days scheduled this term.



COMMUNICATION

Ferny Creek Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and families to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Your child's teacher will offer you a range of opportunities to communicate with them including:

- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Email
- ✓ Formal meetings
- ✓ Before/After school chats

If you do not have Compass, please contact our school Office and find out how you can obtain the app. Compass will be used several times each week, so we want everyone to have access.

FACEBOOK

Please like our Facebook page. This will be used by the school to inform families and the public of events and updates at the school. Feedback and discussion with parents/carers are welcome, but the school will not use Facebook for this purpose.

Please contact the school directly if you wish to discuss matters, as per our communication process. Only this Facebook page is endorsed by the Principal. Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised representatives of the school.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important the school has your most current emergency contact telephone details, home and e-mail address.

If you change telephone details or home e-mail address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Please note that our school grounds are supervised by school staff at the following times:

- ✓ Before school from 8.45am
- ✓ Throughout recess and lunch
- ✓ After school from 3.30pm to 3.45pm

The school grounds are not supervised outside the above times.

While some families use the front playground as a meeting place, please know children must be supervised by an adult outside of these times.



MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS

OUT OF HOURS CARE



TheirCare provides adventurous and stimulating Before & After School Care Programs in a safe environment for all children. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Ferny Creek Primary School has partnered with TheirCare to provide this service to our school which includes quality care, booking flexibility, amazing programming for your children and commitment to deliver on our promise to our school community.

Operation Times:

Before School 7am-8.45am

After School 3.30pm-6.00pm

Service Phone Number:

0419 958 268

How to Enrol:

Visit TheirCare website

www.theircare.com.au

And click 'Book Now' in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.

All families are strongly encouraged to register their child/ren for TheirCare as it is free to enrol, and while you are under no obligation to use this service, it does provide support for you in the event of an emergency. Plus, our students love attending this service! For further information about this program please contact TheirCare directly.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available each Wednesday. There is an ordering system via the QKR app and orders must be placed by 8pm each Tuesday for Wednesday's lunch.

Late orders cannot be accepted.



STUDENT SUPERVISION

All bike and scooter riders are required to wear a bike helmet in Victoria.

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS) 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.

Bikes/scooters can be stored in our bike shed during school hours.

Also, by law everyone must wear a seat belt when travelling in a car in Australia.

SUNSMART

For Term 1 and Term 4 we wear our named broadbrimmed hat at all times when outside.



Term 3 2026



Keep this handy calendar on your fridge for upcoming events at school. Check Compass, visit our website <http://www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/> or follow our Facebook page as this calendar is subject to changes.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July	13 Student Free Day	14 Term 3 begins for students Interschool Sport Gala Day	15	16 Breakfast Club	17 Assembly
	20	21	22	23 Breakfast Club	24
	27 School Council	28	29	30 Breakfast Club	31 Assembly (Parent Band performing)
	03 100 DAYS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL AFL after school program begins	04	05	06 Breakfast Club	07
August	10	11 FCPS Athletics Carnival POSTPONED	12	13 Breakfast Club	14 Assembly
	17 SCIENCE WEEK FCPS Athletics Carnival	18 SCIENCE WEEK School Council	19 SCIENCE Open Morning and Dress as a Scientist Day	20 SCIENCE WEEK Breakfast Club	21 SCIENCE WEEK
	24 SYMPHONY OF STORIES Book Week Parade, Activity Day & BOOK WEEK LIBRARY NIGHT	25	26 District Athletics (select students)	27 Breakfast Club	28 Assembly
	31	01 ART SHOW	02	03 Breakfast Club	04 Father's Day Celebration Breakfast
September	07	08	09	10 Breakfast Club	11 Assembly
	14	15 Where is the Green Sheep? - Junior excursion School Council	16 Division Athletics (select students)	17	18 FOOTY DAY! Last day of term early 2.30pm finish



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